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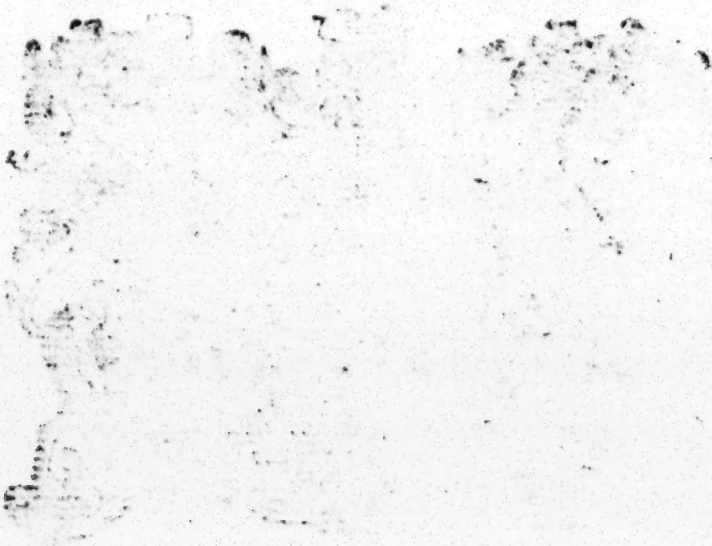
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and to prevent Abuses in the Manufacture of Kelp; and to prevent unlawful Combinations in Weavers and others.

Prevent Frauds in Lappers and others;

C H A P. XVII.

**W**H E R E A S several Frauds have been Committed by Lappers, which the present Laws are not sufficient to prevent, which may in Time lessen the Credit of the Linen Manufacture in Foreign Markets; Be it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by, and  
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**CHAP.** With the Advice and Consent of the Lords  
**XVII.** Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons  
 in this present Parliament Assembled, and  
 by the Authority of the same, That if any  
 Merchant, or Dealer in Linens, shall sus-  
 tain any Loss, or Damage, by Means of  
 any Fraud, in the Lapping of Linen, and  
 by Damages concealed in the Lapping  
 thereof, or by short Measure concealed in  
 Length or Breadth; such Merchant, or  
 Dealer, may Sue either the Lapper of  
 such Linen, or the Security or Securities  
 which such Lapper gave on taking out  
 his Seals, or either of them, and may Re-  
 cover from such Lapper, or his Securities,  
 Double the Loss or Damage which he  
 shall so sustain, the same to be recovered,  
 if under Twenty Pounds, by Civil Bill,  
 at the Assizes in the County where such  
 Lapper, or his Security resides; and if  
 the Sum exceeds Twenty Pounds, the  
 same shall be recovered in any of His Ma-  
 jesty's Courts of Record in Dublin.

Provided, that if the Trustees of the  
 Linen Manufacture shall have fined such  
 Lappers so Offending, and Recovered the  
 Fine, or Penalty, imposed by Virtue of the  
 Law now in Being for that Purpose, be-  
 fore such Suit commenced; that in such  
 Case, such Lapper, or his Security, shall  
 not



not be Sued for such Damage, as aforesaid. CHAP.  
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And Whereas it may be Difficult for  
such Merchant or Dealer, in such Sum,  
or on such Trial, to Prove who are the  
Security or Securities of such Happer or  
Happers, as the Bonds of such Securities  
are Lodged in the Hands of the Clerk of  
the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture;  
Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,  
That the Certificate of such Clerk of the  
said Trustees, under his Hand and Seal  
(Which Certificate, the said Clerk shall be  
Obliged to give to any such Merchant or  
Dealer) shall be Evidence against the  
Security or Securities of any Happer or  
Happers.

And Prohibited also, That no greater  
Sum shall be Recovered, from such  
Security or Securities, than the Amount  
of the Penalty of the Bond, Perfected by  
him or them on becoming Security.

And Whereas great Abuses have been  
Committed in the Burning and Manu-  
facturing of Kelp, to the Prejudice of the  
Linen Manufacture; Be it Enacted by  
the Authority aforesaid, That if any per-  
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CHAP. son or persons, shall, from, and after the  
XVII. first Day of May, One thousand seven  
hundred and fifty eight, Mix any Stone  
or Stones, Sand, or Gravel, amongst Kelp,  
in the Burning or Manufacturing there-  
of, or shall Sell, or Expose to Sale, any  
Kelp adulterated with Stones, Sand, or  
Gravel, knowing the same to be so adulte-  
rated, every such Person or Persons, shall  
Forfeit, for every such Offence, a Sum,  
not exceeding Six Pounds, nor less than  
Three Pounds Sterling; and all the  
Kelp so adulterated, shall be Forfeited and  
Dispoled of, as hereafter mentioned; and  
every Justice of the Peace, and Chief Ma-  
gistrate of any Corporate Town, within  
their respective Jurisdictions, are hereby  
Impowdered to Hear and Determine the  
Offences aforesaid, and to Examine, upon  
Oath, any Witness or Witnesses for that  
purpose, and may Issue a Warrant for  
Levying the said Penalties of the Goods  
and Chattels of the Offender, which shall  
be paid to the Informer; and that it  
shall be lawful for every Justice of the  
Peace, or such Chief Magistrate, upon due  
Information upon Oath, by Warrant  
under Hand and Seal, to Authorize any  
Person or Persons, to stop any Boat or  
Boats, Conveying any Kelp adulterated,  
as



as aforesaid, in, or out of any Harbour, or C H A P.  
Coast-Ways, from one Place to another, XVII.  
and to Seize such Kelp so adulterated,  
and to bring it before such Justice or  
Chief Magistrate, who shall Order the  
same to be broken into small Pieces, if it  
shall be found to be adulterated as aforesaid,  
and to be throln out for Manure,  
on the next Adjacent Land; and all Kelp,  
which shall be proved before any Justice  
of the Peace, or such Chief Magistrate, to  
be adulterated as aforesaid, shall be so  
Broken and Disposed of; Provided that  
it shall not be put, or throln out on any  
Land belonging to any Justice of the  
Peace, or such Chief Magistrate; and  
every Boatman who shall be Employed in  
Conveying Kelp, knowing the same to be  
so adulterated, shall Forfeit the Sum of  
Forty Shillings, to be Levied as aforesaid,  
and to be Paid to the Informer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Weaver, Bleacher, Carrier, Lapper, Kalendar-keeper, or other Person whatsoever, Entrusted with any Linen, or Hempen Yarn, or Linen or Hempen Cloth, shall fraudulently Sell or Embezzle the same, or any Part thereof, of the Value of One  
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CHAP. XVII. Shilling or upwards, such Weaver,  
 Bleacher, Carrier, Lapper, Kalendar-  
 keeper, or other Person, and the Receiver  
 or Receivers thereof, knowing the same to  
 be Embezzled, shall, for every such Offence,  
 be Committed to Goal, without Bail or  
 Mainprize, until Treble the Value of such  
 Varn or Cloth, so Embezzled, be paid to  
 the Person Aggrieved thereby.

And be it Enacted by the Authority a-  
 foresaid, That any Person or Persons, who  
 shall knowingly Expole, or offer to Expole  
 to Sale in Publick Market, Head or Pound  
 Varn, under Two Statuteable Dozen in  
 the Pound, Grey, Purged, or White, frau-  
 dulently made up with entangled Bad  
 or Coarse Varn concealed in the Hanks,  
 or where it appears Damped with Water,  
 or Salt and Water, or any other Ingredient  
 to Increase the Weight, shall, for every such  
 Offence, Forfeit to the Informer the Sum  
 of Forty Shillings.

And be it Enacted by the Authority afore-  
 said, That if any Weaver, Journeyman  
 Weaver, or Weaver's Apprentice, or other  
 Person or Persons Employed in the Linen  
 Manufacture, who shall be Convicted, by One  
 or more Credible Witness or Witnesses, upon  
 Oath



Oath, before One or more Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate within their several Jurisdictions, of Swearing, or of being Sworn into a Combination, to raise the Prices usually paid for Weaving, or who shall unlawfully Raise Hobbs for that Purpose, or shall Collect or Pay Money for any such Purpose, shall be liable to be Imprisoned, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time, not exceeding Six Months.

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